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ENGLISH

(Major)

Course : 604

(Linguistics and Phonetics)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer very briefly any *eight* of the following as directed : 1×8=8
- (a) What is a dialect?
 - (b) What is parole?
 - (c) The larynx is popularly known as ——. (Fill in the blank)
 - (d) Give an example of plosive sound.
 - (e) Sounds that are articulated with a stricture of complete closure are called ——. (Fill in the blank)
 - (f) Give an example of dental sounds in English.

- (g) Give an example of voiceless bilabial plosive.
- (h) What is a diphthong?
- (i) What is a syllable?
- (j) Give an example of question tag.

UNIT—I

2. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- (a) Define language. What are its basic features?
- (b) What makes human language different from animal communication?
- (c) Discuss how two or more languages that come into contact may influence one another.
- (d) Discuss how language is manifested in various forms according to use and region.

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 5×3=15

- (a) Write a short note on standard language.
- (b) "Language never ceases to change." Explain and illustrate.
- (c) "Language is not only used for communication but also for self-expression." Explain.
- (d) Write a short note on 'speech and writing'.

- (e) Write a short note on 'linguistic abilities and communicative competence'.
- (f) What are the important differences between regional and social dialects?

UNIT—II

4. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 12

- (a) What are the basic sentence structures in English? Demonstrate how all other sentences are derived from them.
- (b) What do you understand by subject-verb agreement? Demonstrate with suitable examples.
- (c) How is noun classified on the basis of meaning and function? Illustrate with suitable examples.
- (d) What are the common verbal groups in English? What happens when a modal is added to these verbal groups?

5. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : 4×4=16

- (a) Adverb positions
- (b) Use of infinitives
- (c) Types of clause
- (d) Auxiliaries
- (e) Kinds of adjective
- (f) Transitive and intransitive verbs
- (g) Noun modifiers

UNIT—III

6. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- (a) What do you understand by General Indian English? How far is it reasonable to accept General Indian English in place of received pronunciation?
- (b) What are the major organs of speech and how are they important in the production of speech sounds? Discuss with suitable illustrations.
- (c) Analyze how consonant sounds are made and how they are described using three-term labels.
- (d) Discuss, with illustrations, how diphthongs are produced in RP.

7. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 3×3=9

- (a) Consonant Clusters in English
- (b) Received Pronunciation
- (c) International Phonetic Alphabet
- (d) Pure Vowels in English
- (e) Allophones
- (f) Production of a Plosive Consonant

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